

BIG FIGHT COMING IN THE LEGISLATURE

TRACTION AND RAILROAD INTERESTS LINE UP MEMBERS ON FREIGHT CARRYING CONTEST—WILL INVOLVE

SENATORSHIP—JOHN P. ELKIN'S ABILITY TO DELIVER COUNTRY VOTES MAY WIN HIM STRONG SUPPORT.

BOTH WERE ACQUITTED

AFTER STAYING OUT BUT TWENTY MINUTES, THE JURY RETURNED A VERDICT OF NOT GUILTY.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—General Tyner, of Indiana, formerly Postmaster General and later Attorney-General to the Postoffice Department, and Harrison J. Barrett, of Baltimore, who were charged with conspiracy in connection with get-rich-quick opinions handed down through Tyner and Barrett, his assistant, were acquitted by a jury in Justice Pritchard's court this afternoon. The jury was out but 20 minutes.

Horticultural Notes.

Plants have life the same as animals, and they require feeding, watering and care if we expect to derive profit from them.

The object of the orchard is to produce fruit. The amount and kind of tillage will vary according to conditions—soil, plant food and so forth. Study the individual needs of each orchard.

The experiments carried on at this station of using dwarf peas and beans as a cultivated crop in orchards, and then turning under the vines after picking the pods, is recommended. The orchard has the benefit of continuous cultivation at the proper season. The plants when plowed under enrich the soil and the picked product pays the bills.

Fruit trees of different kinds, as apples, plums or grapes, need food according to their respective wants. We do not feed the horses and swine on the same diet. Why should we different kinds of plants?

Whether to train the tree high or low depends on several conditions.

To prune a tree properly means to begin when young and prune annually. This done, there is no occasion of cutting off large limbs, which endangers the life of trees.

It costs to thin fruit, but the resulting fruit is of a superior grade, and the expense of picking inferior fruit is eliminated at harvesting time. Peaches and plums are always thinned for best results.

Spraying for both insect enemies and fungous diseases is a part of the fruit business. If one does not intend to post himself on how to combat these foes he would better not attempt fruit growing.

Hardy varieties, well-drained soils and slightly rounding up of the soil about the trees, together with a clover crop, assist very much to protect the trees in winter.

Modern conveniences should be devised for picking the fruit. Fruit growers realize more and more the importance of lessening the time between picking and getting the fruit on the market. Apples for cold storage are picked and shipped at once.

To keep up an interest in fruit growing requires a sufficient study of fruit problems to at least comprehend what the essentials for success are for the crops to be grown. Supplement your work with reading from the best authorities, by visiting successful orchardists and attending horticultural meetings. Attend a short lecture course at the agricultural college. Become a fruit grower both in theory and practice.—Prof. F. W. Rane, in Prairie Farmer.

A JAPANESE DUN

Pleasant Little Note That Brought About Prompt Settlement.

The Japanese can win distinction at the desk of the countinghouse as readily as a seafight. One who obtained a situation with an English firm on trial was asked a few days after his appointment by the cashier to write to a customer who had owed some money to the house for a long time and who seemed to have no intention of paying. "Write briefly and politely," said the cashier, "but let him understand distinctly that we expect him to pay the money without further delay." The letter was written and on the following day came a check for the amount due. The surprised cashier asked the new clerk to show him a copy of the letter which had been so effectual. It ran thus:

"Dear Sir: If you do not send us at once the money you owe us we shall be obliged to take steps which will cause you the utmost astonishment. Respectfully yours."

The form seems to combine Oriental sobriety and Western point.—Westminster Gazette.

I have a saloon centrally located for sale quick. H. H. Lanham.

WIVES AS WAGE EARNERS.

Thousands Are In the Class, Despite Prejudice Against It.

The American prejudice against wage-earning by married women appears in the effort occasionally made to make the employment of teachers in the public schools terminate with marriage. But thousands of American married women do earn wages, the sands more would gladly do so if they could and other thousands would be happier and better off if they did. The prejudice against it seems disadvantageous. American men as a rule prefer to support their wives if they can.

If an American married woman works for pay, it is either because it gives her pleasure or because her husband's income is insufficient. She does not do it as a matter of course. How long she can keep it up depends upon what the work is, and upon other circumstances. If she has children that, of course, interferes with her wage-earning, if it does not stop it altogether and general acceptance of a custom which would restrict or discourage child-bearing is not to the public advantage.

Marriage tends, and should tend, to withdraw women from wage-earning, but it need not stop it per se and abruptly. To make marriage a bar to future wage-earning by a woman operates in restriction of marriage, and that is at least as much against public policy as restriction of child bearing.—Harper's Weekly.

CALL FOR REPUBLICAN DISTRICT CONVENTIONS.

To the Republican voters of Marion county:

Conventions of the Republican party of the several magisterial districts of Marion county are hereby called to meet on Saturday, the 4th day of June, 1904, at 2 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of electing delegates to the following named conventions:

To the State nominating convention to be held in Wheeling on the 12th day of July, 1904.

To the Judicial convention to be held in Morgantown on the 8th day of June, 1904, at 10 o'clock A. M.

To the Senatorial convention to be hereafter called.

Also to transact such other business as may properly come before said district conventions.

The said several district conventions will be held at the respective places hereinafter named; and will elect the number of delegates hereinafter designated, and no more, that is to say:

Fairmont district convention will meet at the Court-house in the City of Fairmont, and is entitled to elect the following number of delegates:

To the State convention, 6.
To the Judicial convention, 9.
To the Senatorial convention, 9.
Grant district convention will meet in Monongah (meeting place to be provided by district committeeman).

State convention, 5.
Judicial convention, 5.
Senatorial convention, 5.
Lincoln district convention will meet at Farmington school house:

State convention, 3.
Judicial convention, 5.
Senatorial convention, 5.

Mannington district will meet at Town of Mannington at school house.

State convention, 5.
Judicial convention, 11.
Senatorial convention, 11.

Pawpaw district will meet at Neptune school house.

State convention, 2.
Judicial convention, 3.
Senatorial convention, 3.

Union district will meet in the First ward of the City of Fairmont, at the school house.

State convention, 4.
Judicial convention, 6.
Senatorial convention, 6.

Winfield district convention will meet in Mt. Harmony school house.

State convention, 2.
Judicial convention, 5.
Senatorial convention, 5.

It is requested that in making selection of delegates, that only those be selected who are likely to attend the convention to which they are made delegates. The call for the State convention states that no proxies will be admitted as delegates.

By order of the Executive Committee.

HARRY SHAW, Chairman.
A. L. LEHMAN, Secretary.
Dated April 30, 1904.

LITTLE GIRL CARED FOR

By Humane Society—Mother Unable to Provide For Her.

WHEELING, May 26.—Her mother not being able to support her and her father being dead, eleven-year-old Grace Young, of Kanawha county, was brought to this city last night by Humane agent at that place, Thomas Swinburne, and given in charge of Officer Darrah, who had her placed in the Home of the Good Shepherd.

The case of this little girl is a pitiable one. Her mother made strenuous efforts to save her child, but was unable to earn enough money for the support of the other children.

The Empress of Japan.

My dainty lady rides a wheel,
In bloomers 'neath her garden wall,
With Paris slippers on her heel,
She glides about her palace hall.
She is the fairest of the fair,
With oval cheeks of softest tan,
And cherry blossoms in her hair—
The Empress of Japan.

She is the gayest of the gay;
She is the wisest of the wise;
And, ladylike, has power to sway
The grave Mikado's eyes.
And she has trained in all things good
The noble and august young man—
Her son in all save ties of blood—
The Crown Prince of Japan.

She caught the earliest ray of light
That fell across the empire's breast,
When, after centuries of night,
The sun rose from the West!
Rejoicing at her husband's side,
She watched the glory rise and span
The darkened country far and wide—
The light of New Japan.

And she has founded ward and school,
A patroness of high degree—
And, breaking custom's iron rule,
Has made her people free.
The while her ivory fingers try
With silken scarf of glittering fan,
She is a theme of pride and joy—
The Empress of Japan.
—Miss Grace Beswick, Memphis, Mo.

NOTICE.

We, the undersigned merchants of Fairmont, do hereby agree to close our stores all day May 30, 1904:

J. M. Hartley & Son, Geo. G. Yeager, J. E. Anderson, E. Trickett, T. W. Arnett, Gettings & Walters, Morgan Bros., Geo. S. Lantz, F. R. Cleland, The Famous, Mrs. Horan, Rihel-daffer & Brownfield, J. G. McCorrey & Co., F. K. Lowe, Chas. C. Robb, Q. Hernan & Co., N. C. Cochran, W. A. Fisher, W. M. Fleming, J. C. Stemple, Latham & Mear, J. H. Beckman, E. E. Tetrick & Co., Sam. B. Iseman, Martin Bros., G. L. Jolliffe & Co., Union Clothing House, D. R. Broh, Geo. Mansbach, Fred C. Fleming, S. F. Nuzum, Fairmont Furniture Co., J. L. Hall, Chas. B. Highland, Randall & Co., Coal City House Furnishing Co., Boice Bros., C. C. Denham.



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Returned to Work.
Miss Maud Boggess, of the Fifth ward, returned to her work at the ten cent store this morning, after an illness of seven weeks with typhoid fever.

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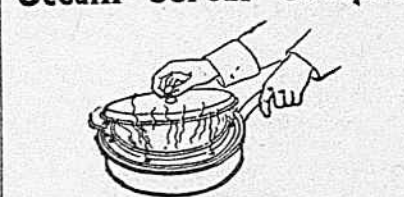
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CORNER-STONE LAYING

Grand Lodge of Masons Will Conduct the Ceremony.

WHEELING, May 25.—On June 9th the Grand Lodge of Masons of West Virginia will lay the corner-stone of a new building to be erected by the Young Men's Christian Association of Parkersburg. Grand Master George Hatch, of Wheeling, will conduct the ceremonies and Calvary commandery No. 3 of Parkersburg, has been invited to assist in the ceremony. This will be a very important affair, as it will be the first stone to be laid for a Y. M. C. A. building in the State. On June 4th the grand master will also lay the corner-stone of the new Masonic building being erected at Ellenboro. Calvary commandery will also assist at these services.

When Queen Alexandria heard how the moles were destroying crops in Wales she ordered a mole-skin mu? They became the rage, and the moles are nearly exterminated.

The ancient bridge at Ayr, Scotland, built in 1232 and made famous by Robert Burns, has been ordered to be closed for repairs. It will cost \$25,000 to put it in good condition.